

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 485

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Associate Professor  
Linda T. Collins on the occasion of her  
retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in education; and

WHEREAS, Associate Professor Linda T. Collins is one such estimable person who has served with distinction in the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) for over thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure in the department, she has received two highly competitive National Sciences foundation awards to fund computer-enhanced laboratories in undergraduate biology; and

WHEREAS, she spearheaded a comprehensive evaluation and revision of the curriculum to accommodate the dramatic increase in departmental majors enrollment in the last five years; and

WHEREAS, Professor Collins is sought out as an advisor by students pursuing careers in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, and physical therapy; and

WHEREAS, she provided impetus and oversight for the UTC climate action plan; and

WHEREAS, the University recognized her excellence in teaching by awarding her the prestigious University of Tennessee Alumni Outstanding Teacher Award, the Mildred Routt Distinguished Teaching Professorship, and the Jane Harbaugh Teaching and Service Professorship; and

WHEREAS, Professor Collins led the UTC landscape committee for twelve years and obtained the University's designation as a campus arboretum; and

WHEREAS, she also co-chaired the action committee on sustainability and the built environment for the UTC strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, Professor Linda Collins exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Professor Collins has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues, her students, and the entire UTC family; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that hereby proclaim that we honor and commend Linda T. Collins for superior advising, outstanding teaching, and extraordinary service to the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences and to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.